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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

o To Whom It May Concern:

When "Human Intelligence" (HUMINT) is collected by our military and other government sources; perhaps the most important aspect if the information lies in "Who's Talking". In this case, I am a Retired, US Navy Captain; having served as a jet fighter pilot and "Administrator" for 30 years. I have commanded the TOPGUN squadron, (Navy Fighter Weapons School), an F-14 Squadron as well as an overseas Shore Station. My wife of 39+ years and I continue to vote and pay our taxes. We are PROUD Americans who are grateful to live in this magnificent country.

Having said all that, we appreciate that our "Opinion" is no more significant than any other family's opinion, but we welcome this opportunity to have our opinion considered.

We are very well informed on the merits and basis of the case against Microsoft, and of the proposed settlement(s). We believe it's time to "Git on with Bidness!" If "Both Sides" can accept the existing elements of the proposed "Settlement", then we propose DOJ MAKE IT SO! We have been worn to a frazzle by this overly-long and drawn out process seeking some sort of "Justice" at taxpayers expense. This has been particularly adverse for all Americans as there can be little doubt this litigation exacerbated the economic downturn and possibly fueled the subsequent Recession our economy has experienced to date.

DOJ should answer the question; ..."What possible GOOD can be served FOR ALL AMERICA by refusing to settle and continuing an extended court case against Microsoft?"

The "Answer" should be couched in terms that the "Average American" can both understand, and, perhaps more importantly, AGREE WITH on a "Cost vs Gain" basis. Is there no other way in which our tax dollars could be spent more productively? Only DOJ can answer that.

We appreciate the complexities involved, but strongly recommend that DOJ accept the settlement as written and move smartly into the future beginning early in 2002.

. GOD Bless YOU in your decision process, and GOD Bless AMERICA!
With Sincere Best Wishes for the BEST OUTCOME;
John Monroe Smith
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